

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-28, 40, and 49-53 constitute pending claims in the instant application. Among them, Claims 4-10 and 14-27 are directed to non-elected invention or species, and are withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 34-39 and 41-48 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims of identical or similar scope in future continuation or divisional applications.

The Examiner has requested Applicants to amend the claims and specification to comply with the sequence rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims and the specification to comply with the sequence rules.

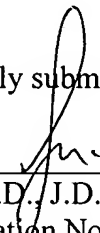
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. **18-1945**, under Order No. **MDSP-P04-180** from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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